

In re Appln. of Caveney et al.
Application No. 10/822,320
Response to Final Office Action of May 2, 2005

REMARKS

The following remarks are responsive to Final Office Action of May 2, 2005.

Claims 1, 4-13, and 16 are pending as a result of this amendment. Claims 2-3, 14-15, and 17-20 are canceled.

In the May 2, 2005 Office Action, claims 14, 15, 17, 18 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Romick (U.S. Patent No. 5,331,758) in view of Klas et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,594,206). Claims 1 and 4-13 were allowed. Claim 16 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1 and 4-13 are allowed, and that claim 16 is allowable. Claim 16 has been amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim (claim 14) and the intervening claim (claim 15). All rejected claims are canceled.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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